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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **Fireworks display on Tuesday, 4 July 2000**

1. The Macy's Independence Day fireworks will be displayed on 4 July 2000, from two locations in the East River: south of the Brooklyn Bridge, and at 34th Street. The display is scheduled to take place from 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. The FDR Drive, from 14th to 42nd Streets, will be closed at 7.15 p.m.

2. Members of delegations and staff wishing to view the display can do so from the garden promenade. The only access to the grounds that evening will be through the visitors' entrance at First Avenue and 45th Street, which will be opened at 6 p.m. The entrance at 42nd Street and the Secretariat entrance will be closed.

3. Access to the complex will be restricted to holders of grounds passes and their ticketed guests. Each pass-holder will be permitted to bring a maximum of eight guests, including immediate family members. The eight tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis by departmental Executive Offices, beginning on Monday, 26 June 2000. For safety reasons, no more than 8,000 tickets granting access to the Secretariat Building will be issued. Tickets of two different colours will be issued. Staff members who wish to take their guests inside the building will need to obtain a buff ticket for each person. A grey ticket, which will also be available at departmental Executive Offices, will provide access to the grounds only.

4. The United Nations Pass and Identification Office, located in the UNITAR Building, at First Avenue and 45th Street, telephone number 963-7533, will issue tickets only to members of delegations. The Pass and Identification Office is open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and closes for lunch from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

5. Staff members and their guests who wish to view the display from their own offices are reminded that windows in the Secretariat Building may not be opened under any circumstances. This provision will be strictly enforced.

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6. Guests with buff tickets must enter through the visitors' entrance of the General Assembly public lobby, where they will be required to proceed through the metal detectors. Staff members will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the United Nations. Guests must be escorted at all times within the complex.

7. No tickets will be issued on the evening of 4 July and, regretfully, persons without grounds passes or tickets will be turned away. All dining facilities will be closed.

8. Staff members will be permitted to park in the United Nations garage at the weekend rate upon presentation of a valid grounds pass at the northern entrance at 48th Street and the FDR Drive. Car passengers who are guests with tickets must be dropped off at the visitors' entrance. No guests will be admitted through the garage.

9. Staff members are reminded that they should lock and secure their offices when they depart at the conclusion of business on Monday, 3 July 2000.

10. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on United Nations grounds. The Security and Safety Service has the authority to inspect all packages and will enforce this regulation.

11. In the event of an emergency, the Security Control Centre should be contacted at extension 3-6666.